
New Life Presbyterian Church

August 27, 2017

10:00 a.m.

But the fruit of the Spirit is



Galatians 5:22-23

Welcome to this Lord's Day Worship. We rejoice that you are here!

NLPC Mission Statement (June 2016)

Assured of the new life we have received in Christ, we will live out our faith together through worship, prayer, education, fellowship, and mission.

Being called to love all people, we will use our gifts to serve God in an imperfect world.

Equipped with our faith and filled with the Spirit, we will:

- *reach out in acceptance to a diverse community;
- *embrace the marginalized and show love to all;
- *feed the hungry and care for the sick;
- *search for peace and work for justice.

Child Care is available during our worship service.
Ask an usher for the location of the Childcare Room.

Large Print Bulletins, Hymnals, and Bibles are available.

Participating in Worship

Worship Leader:	Rev. Mary Bahr-Jones, Pastor
Music Director:	Edyta Jaros
Liturgist:	Lori Haralson
Ushers:	Francis Booth, Jason Boatwright, Jodie Horan and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said: "I am the vine and you are the branches."

We find our source in Christ.

We are rooted in gentleness of God's love.

We are guided by God's Spirit.

Jesus said: "Abide in me as I abide in you.

Those who abide in me bear much fruit."

Today and everyday may we worship

And serve the living God

By leading fruitful lives

Which reflect the gentleness of God in Christ Jesus!

*HYMN #366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of Gentleness, Jesus told us that you bless the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Nevertheless we tend to see meekness and gentleness as weakness and frailty. We choose to be competitive rather than compassionate. We prefer to be tough rather than tender. We want to be mighty rather than meek and mild. In so doing, we embody the values of the world around us rather than embodying your Gentle Spirit. Let your Spirit of Gentleness flow through us by speaking truthfulness as an act of compassion, by standing firm as an expression of caring, and by speaking truth through tender words. Hear us now, as we offer you our silent confessions ...

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

...May the peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

Please share Christ's peace with those worshipping around you.

Also please note: in this warm and welcoming congregation, there are people who need a hug and there are also people who are not comfortable receiving a hug. As you share Christ's peace, please respect this by either reaching your hand out for a handshake, or asking, "May I hug you?" before giving a hug.

SONG OF PRAISE

*#286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God (verses 1-3)

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

THE WORD INTERPRETED FOR CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC

You Raise Me Up

Sharon Gire and

Calli Bowman-Tomlinson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD OF GOD

Genesis 4:1-10

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Pew Bible OT p. 3

Pew Bible NT p. 185

This is the Word of the LORD;

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Words Can Be Weapons

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN # 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*SONG OF DEDICATION

*#606 *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #729 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

...And let all God's people say,
Alleluia and Amen!

POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*

Today's liturgy inspired / adapted from the following resources: Worship Service at White Memorial Presbyterian Church – 2013, re-worship.blogspot.com, Dunedin Methodist Parish (Helen Watson White), and liturgylink.net.

New Life Opportunities & Announcements



Coffee Time- Please join your fellow NLPC members and visitors in a time of fellowship following the service this morning. Everyone is welcome!

Notes and reflections on this week's sermon:



Special Congregational Meeting TODAY!

The Session has called a Special Congregational Meeting directly after worship today for the purpose of filling vacancies on our Nominating Committee. Please plan to attend.



Deacons Meeting

The Deacons will meet after the congregational meeting today to finalize plans for the church picnic to be held on Sunday, September 10. See you then!

Joyce Harrison, Moderator

The Minister's Memo...



Gentleness is far more successful in all its enterprises than violence; indeed, violence generally frustrates its own purpose, while gentleness scarcely ever fails.

John Locke



Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 10, 2017

We are having our annual church picnic, with an old-fashioned theme, beginning immediately after our 10:30 AM worship that day.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Remember to invite your families and friends for a fun filled afternoon.

Sign up today to tell us you will join in the celebration and also to let us know what dish you will bring to pass!





Canned Goods – New Life collects canned goods for the needy in our community on the first Sunday of the month. Please bring your donation to church next Sunday but we ask that you be sure that all food donated is not expired. Thank you for your cooperation.

Second Mile Center Golf Outing



Gather your golf friends and come out to help support the Second Mile Center at their golf outing on Sunday, September 24, 2017. It will be held at Glen Oaks Golf Course with a shotgun start at 1:00PM. The cost is \$125 per golfer and includes dinner and an awards ceremony.

Additional information and registration is available online at www.secondmilecenter.org or you may call Kathy at 248-515-5307. Thank you for your consideration.



Telling Your Story

Pastor Mary is still hoping to meet with you to hear your stories. On the Sign-Up Board, there are opportunities to sign-up to share coffee or a meal with her. Please, take the time to meet with Mary and share with her your story.

Summertime...

Summer is here and with it comes the joy of vacation travel! We hope that you are relishing the wonderful weather and have the opportunity to share this blissful time with family and friends. While the travels of summer may take you away from our worshipping community, we ask that you keep current with your pledge commitments through these summer weeks. Even though you may take a much needed break, the work of our church continues. Thank you for your faithful support and enjoy your vacation journeys!



**LABOR
DAY**

Church Office Closed-

The Church office will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAY FOR HEALING

Dorene Rocky
Heather --(Shelley's niece)
Janet Riggs
Karen Duff
Fred Walker
David and Joseph - friends of Gough family
Francis Booth
Winnie Fulton
Glenn Watterworth
Dave Bousquette
Brenda Pomeroy
James Tomlinson
Louise Koczab
Shirley Honor
Joan Mc Bride
Marge Kunz
Mark & Shannon McGregor
John Turner-(Jeff's brother)
Joan Lockard
Lindle Lussier- friend of Pat Tomlinson)
Shirley Wintermuth
Sherie -(Marlene Misuraca's daughter)
Jayne (Sandra Day's daughter/Karen Tuck's sister)

STRENGTH AND HOPE

Ralphine Drabik
Jenni Madigan
Danielle and her preemie
Catherine Meeka --(friend of Shelley)
Curt & Lisa Albrecht & Family--(friends of Schroeders)
Diane Burr-(Lori Haralson's friend)
Nancy Bechtel
Dean- (Margie Hurst's nephew)
Ken Pawlitz
Tom Dittman
Ryan V
Marilyn Anderson
Lois (Pat Tomlinson's friend)
Helen Goltz
Dorothy Johnson
Carlene Kneebone

COMFORT IN MOURNING

Marilyn Wright and Family-after Reg's recent passing
Family of Manuel Rodriguez (Margie Hurst's brother-in-law) after his recent passing
Family of Corinne McGill- after her recent passing

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

SrA Shawn Konikson- US Air Force
Mike Stroud- US Air Force (Shirley Coar's grandson)
Kendra- requested by Fred Walker
Jason Barr -- Booths' cousin
PFC Julian Lee- US Army
Private Michael Hempton- US Army
Col. Jason Hollaran-US Army

GENERAL/GLOBAL

Those struggling in personal and spiritual crisis
 Victims of unrest & injustice throughout the world
 Second Mile Center
 Those seeking work
 Missionaries serving worldwide
 Those experiencing homelessness
 An end to violence in our nation

Please inform the church office of updates or if you know of someone who is well enough to be removed from our prayer chain. Thank you.

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SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Mary Bahr-Jones

Clerk: Valerie Robbins

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Dorothy Harrington
Marge Kunz

Lori Haralson
Matthew Hurst
Valerie Robbins

DEACONS

Moderator: Joyce Harrison

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Francis Booth
Lynn Booth
Shirley Coar
Joyce Harrison

Bruce Duff
Shayla Hansen
Carlene Kneebone
Randy Tuck

Sue Gough
Jodie Horan
Mergie Hurst

NLPC Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, August 28, 2017

9:00 AM Honey-Doers
11:00 AM Study Group
8:00 PM AA

SUNDAY, September 3, 2017

9:30 AM Prayer Partners
10:00 AM Worship
w/ Communion
11:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship
7:00 PM Venture Crew

TUESDAY, August 29, 2017

8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

MONDAY, September 4, 2017

Church Office Closed

8:00 PM AA



THURSDAY, August 31, 2017

11:00 AM Prayer/ Study Group
7:00 PM Band Practice